

\$60,000,000 shall be made available to the Navy, and \$20,000,000 shall be made available to the Army. The Committee is aware that there is a backlog of remaining requirements, particularly for cleanup of unexploded ordnance, for closed installations dating back to the 1988 BRAC round. The Committee is concerned by the slow pace of progress in remediating these properties and directs the Department of Defense to make funding for previous BRAC rounds a higher priority.

BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE ACCOUNT 2005

Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	\$7,235,591,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	9,065,386,000
Committee recommendation in the bill	9,065,386,000
Comparison with:	
Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	1,829,795,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	-----

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$9,065,386,000 for the Base Realignment and Closure Account 2005, an increase of \$1,829,795,000 above the fiscal year 2008 enacted level and the same as the budget request. This funding supports the most recent base realignment and closure round which affects over 800 locations across the nation through 24 major closures, 24 major realignments, and 765 other actions.

→ *Traffic Impacts at BRAC-Affected Installations.*—The Committee is concerned about the potential for increased traffic congestion at the new military medical facility to be constructed in Bethesda, Maryland through the Base Realignment and Closure process. The Committee supports the responsible commander's decision to request certification for two projects under the Defense Access Roads (DAR) program, and urges the Department to expeditiously review this request. The Committee also directs the Department of Defense to proactively identify all other necessary transportation improvements at BRAC-affected installations that may be eligible for DAR certification. When environmental impact statements identify specific projects that are needed, the Committee directs the Department to ensure that a needs report is generated and reviewed as expeditiously as possible. The Committee further directs the Department to aggressively plan and budget for DAR-certified projects arising from BRAC actions.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

The bill includes 27 provisions that were included in the fiscal year 2008 enacted appropriations bill. The bill does not include one new provision proposed by the Administration that would provide for new starts under a continuing resolution. The administrative provisions included in the bill are as follows:

Section 101 prohibits the use of funds for payments under a cost-plus-a-fixed-fee contract for construction where cost estimates exceed \$25,000. An exception for Alaska is provided.

Section 102 permits the use of construction funds for the hire of passenger motor vehicles.

Section 103 permits funds to be expended on the construction of defense access roads under certain circumstances.

Section 104 prohibits construction of new bases in the United States without a specific appropriation.